

# St. Therese Parish

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We are St. Therese Catholic Church, a community of believers, who walk together by faith in Christ Jesus, and minister in the Little Way of St. Therese, as we strive hand-in-hand to live as God's people.

## St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

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A Community of disciples, nourished by the Eucharist, caring for each other and reaching out to others.

# August 18th, 2024

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Weekend Mass Schedule Saturday 4:00PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Sunday 7:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East 9:00AM - St. Therese 10:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Weekday Mass Schedule Mon. Wed. Fri: 6:25AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East Tues: 8:00AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Tues: 8:45AM - St. Therese Wed: 6:30PM - St. Therese Thurs: 12 Noon - St. Vincent Pallotti - West

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15-3:45PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Sunday 6:45-7:15AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East First Sunday of the Month at 8:15AM - St. Therese Or by appointment on weekdays

#### **Pray the Rosary**

Saturday: 3:15PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Sunday: 7:00AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - East Third Sunday of the Month at 10:00AM - St. Therese

#### Adoration

First Friday 6:00PM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Wednesdays 6:00PM - St. Therese Thursdays 11:30AM - St. Vincent Pallotti - West Anointing of the Sick

After Mass on the First Full Weekend of the Month. You can also contact either Parish Office or Fr. Tom PC on his cell phone (414) 308-6238 to arrange a visit.

## **Baptism, Marriage and RCIA**

Please call either Parish Office. Preparation can take nine months or more **Funerals** 

Contact either Parish Office to plan.



## **Parish Pastoral Council**

*1st Tuesday of the Month at 6:30PM* To contact a Parish Pastoral Council Member,

send an email to council@sttheresemke.org or leave a message for them in either parish office. Meeting minutes are available in the parish offices.

Chairperson

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#### Members-At-Large

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#### **Hospital Visits**

The Federal Privacy Regulation (HIPAA— Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act) prohibits hospitals from informing churches of a patient's presence unless the patient gives permission for the hospital to do so. If you are admitted to a hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact either Parish Office.

#### **Prayer List for Mass**

It is our privilege to pray at our weekend masses for those in need. If you would like to add a name to the list, please contact either Parish Office.

> Need Prayer? Call the Prayer Network at (414) 810-9844

Need Holy Communion? Call either Parish Office

## Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 8:00AM

Announcement Deadline: Thursday, 8:00AM

All submissions must be in writing to either Parish Office; email preferred.



A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the "bread of life come down from heaven." Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist. — **Father John Muir** ©LPi



## What's Next?

**Revival** Year 3 of the Eucharistic Revival The Eucharist Congress in Indianapolis, IN concluded year two of the nation-wide Eucharistic Revival. You may be asking "What's Next?" as we move into year three. If you are asking that question, you are in good company. Even the followers of Jesus asked that question of themselves: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus replied:



Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven... (John 6: 57)

Photo Courtesy of the National Eucharistic Congress Facebook page

Dr. Mary Healy, in answering that question during her presentation on Emmaus 90, put it this way:

The Eucharistic Missionary has been so moved and transformed by the love of God that he cannot keep it to himself ... he/she has to share it with others, both in words and deeds, to make that divine love available to others.

Instead of asking "What's Next?" ask yourself "Why do I come to mass?" Does receiving the Eucharist so move me that I cannot keep it to myself, that I have to share with others the divine love that I received in the Eucharist?

#### Why I Go to Mass: Kathy Czaplewski from St. Vincent Pallotti

\*Because Jesus gave His life so I could live eternally with Him in Heaven, and gave me this means of showing my gratitude ("do this in memory of Me.")

\*Because my communion with Jesus and with my fellow members of His Body, the Church, strengthens faith, hope and love in me; it connects my heart to our mission to bring God's love and healing wherever we go.

## **Parish Membership**

Anyone over age 18 is invited to register as an adult member. Call either Parish Office for more information. Why Join? It's simple to do and doesn't cost anything!



### St Therese Reuniting Us As "...One Nation, Under God..."Prayer Service



This is the third weekend of the month and we ask you to join us for our monthly Prayer Service in the Chapel after Mass. The service is about 25 minutes, and we look forward to you joining us.

We will say the Rosary and ask Blessed Mary to ask the Lord to help reunite us as "... One Nation, Under God..." with Love and Respect for all. We also do a short meditation to help remind us that while we are all different, we need to Love one another! Please join us in prayer to gain back our "...One Nation, Under God..." again!

## **Altered Office Hours**

The St. Therese Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, August 28th. If you have an urgent need, please leave a message on the emergency line.

## **Revised Weekday Mass Schedule**

Starting in September, while Fr. PC is in India, we will NOT have Wednesday Evening Adoration and Mass. We will have them for the remainder of August.

Starting on Wednesday October 2nd, Adoration will begin at 5:00PM with Mass following at 5:30PM.

If you have any questions, please contact the St. Therese Parish Office.

Save the Date! Join us for the Feast of St. **Therese Celebration** on October 6th. More details to come!

## 2024 CSA Update

We are at 61.6% of our goal of \$23,837 with 23% of the parish participating. Help us reach our goal! Any gift is needed and welcomed no matter the size.

Thank you!

YOUR GIFT DOES GOD'S WORK

visit www.catholicappeal.org, text APPEAL2024 to 414-348-8380 or mail your 3501 S. Lake Drive, St. Francis, WI 53235.



9:00AM Sunday Mass Live-Streamed on our Facebook page. It is also posted on our website after Mass.

Like us and follow us on Facebook @sttheresemke!

## **Back to School Blessing**

Are you heading back to school this fall as a student of any age, teacher, administrator, or have any job in a school or school district? If so, please join us at Mass on August 25th to be blessed at Mass. We will have a blessing for all of those returning to an educational setting this fall. We'd like to pray



over you as a parish community for a safe and healthy school year.



September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday.

#### Fall Hours Resume on September 3rd

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 8:30AM to 4:30PM
- Friday and Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: 10:00AM to 11:30AM

## St. Pius X - Feast Day: August 21st

St. Pius X (1835 – 1914), born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto, was from the Austrian Empire in what is now modern-day Veneto, Italy. He was the 257th Pope and served from 1903 until his death in 1914. St. Pius X's love for the Eucharist was evident



from a young age and he carried this devotion throughout his life. As Pope, he emphasized the importance of fostering a personal relationship with Jesus through the Sacrament, advocating for its accessibility to all Catholics, regardless of social status.

One of St. Pius X's most significant contributions to the Church was the role he played in lowering the age of eligibility for First Communion. Recognizing the significance of early spiritual formation, he sought to enable children to receive the Eucharist as soon as they reached seven years old. He believed that children could experience the profound graces of the Eucharist, grow in their faith at an early age, and that the reception of Holy Communion regularly in a child's life would set the foundation for a lifetime of spiritual growth.

His papacy was also marked by his efforts to combat the rising tide of modernism — a movement that challenged traditional Catholic teachings. He wrote an encyclical entitled "Pascendi Dominici Gregis," subtitled "On the Doctrines of the Modernists," condemning modernist errors and safeguarding the integrity of Church doctrine. His commitment to preserving the traditional scope of Catholicism, especially the teachings of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist, earned him the epithet "Pope of the Eucharist."

Despite his rejection of modernism, St. Pius X was the first Pope to use a typewriter for his encyclicals, signaling an embrace of modern technology during his time as Pope. St. Pius X, Pope of the Eucharist, pray for us! © LPi

## Schedule a Mass Intention in Memory of a Loved One

Please consider donating a mass intention in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event. Most weekend Masses are scheduled for 2024, but there are many weekday Masses open. To donate, please contact Heather Goeden in the Parish Office.

Looking to donate online? Use the QR Code on the right to make a contribution to St. Therese Parish on our online giving website. Thank you for your generosity.

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## CHURCH SUPPORT

Collection Totals will be reported on the second weekend of the month.

Please remember St. Therese in your will!



Scan to see the 2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal video and learn how your gift does God's work in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. To donate, check to the Catholic Stewardship Appea





#### WE'RE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS!



As we look to begin the 2024-2025 school year, we are currently looking to fill 2 full-time teaching positions: Grade 4 Teacher

Grade 5 Teacher

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our staff, please have them contact **Joe Fryda**, principal of St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic School at <u>jfryda@stvps.org</u>. You may also leave a voicemail by calling (414) 258-4165 ext 111. Thank you!



The Parish Office will close at noon on <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 30</u> and reopen on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 3</u>; at which time we will return to our regular office hours.

Monday-Friday: 8:30AM to 3:30PM



and Recorded Find the link under "Mass Times" Also available on YouTube.

The **Stewardship Parish Support** table will be posted on the second weekend each month showing the entire previous month's contributions. *Thank you for your contributions!* 

Please remember St. Vincent Pallotti in your will.



## <u>St Teresa Benedicta</u> <u>of the Cross</u> (Edith Stein)

Feast Day: August 9 Canonized: October 11, 1998 Beatified: May 1, 1987 Venerated: January 26, 1987



Edith Stein was born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, to a Jewish family. As a child, she was an extraordinary student, and in 1916 she received a doctorate in philosophy and began to teach at a university. Her family was religious, but Edith had no interest in religion. Eventually she became drawn to the Catholic faith after reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila.

In 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany, and began to teach at a Catholic girls' school. She then taught at a university, but was forced to resign her position by the Nazi government, which was aware of her Jewish heritage.

In 1933, she entered the Cologne Carmel, or convent, and became a religious Sister with the Discalced Carmelite Order. She took the name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and dedicated her life to prayer and fasting.

During World War II, Edith was sent from Germany to the Carmel in Echt, Holland, in the hopes of keeping her safe. However, the Nazis conquered Holland in 1942 after the Dutch bishops condemned Nazi racism, and Edith was arrested with her sister, Rosa, who had also converted to Catholicism. They were sent to Auschwitz and put to death in 1942, when Edith was 50 years old.

Edith Stein was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 11, 1998, in the Cologne Cathedral in Germany. She is considered a martyr for the faith.

RCL Benziger Saints Resource



STP = St. Therese Parish SVP-E = St. Vincent Pallotti East Church SVP-W = St. Vincent Pallotti West Church

#### Sunday, August 18th

7:30AMMass at SVP-E9:00AMMass at STP – Live Streamed on Facebook10:30AMMass at SVP-W – Live Streamed and Posted

Monday, August 19th 6:25AM Morning Mass at SVP-E

#### Tuesday, August 20th

8:00AM Morning Mass at SVP-W
8:45AM Morning Mass at STP
9:00AM St. Therese Feast Day Planning Meeting at STP
6:30PM SVP Finance Council Meeting at SVP-W
6:30PM Catechist/Aide/Sub Meeting via Zoom

#### Wednesday, August 21st

6:25AM	Morning Mass at SVP-E
6:00рм	Adoration at STP
6:30рм	Evening Mass at STP

#### Thursday, August 22nd

11:30am	Adoration at SVP-W
12:00pm	Afternoon Mass at SVP-W
6:30рм	Prayer & Worship Meeting at STP
7:00pm	Group 100 AA

#### Friday, August 23rd

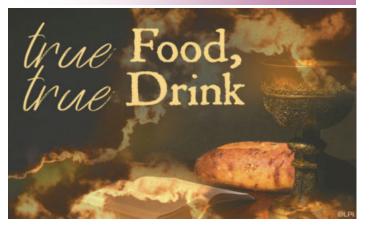
6:25AM	Morning Mass at SVP-E
9:00am	Church Cleaning at SVP-W
6:00pm	Faith in Prayer Meeting at SVP-W

#### Saturday, August 24th

3:15pm	Confessions at SVP-W
3:15рм	Rosary at SVP-W
4:00pm	Mass at SVP-W

#### Sunday, August 25th

- 7:30AM Mass at SVP-E
- 9:00AM Mass at STP Live Streamed on Facebook Back to School Blessing
- 10:30AM Mass at SVP-W Live Streamed and Posted





August Sanctuary Candle at STP †Mel Mickey

Sunday, August 18th

Readings Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

#### Monday, August 19th

Observance: St. John Eudes, Priest Readings Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22 6:25AM (SVP-E) <sup>†</sup>Gloria Czaplewski (Czaplewski Family)

Tuesday, August 20th

Observance: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Readings Ez28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Wt 19:23-30 8:00AM (SVP-W) †Erv Sessner (A. Sessner) 8:45AM (STP) †Wally Hesselbein

#### Wednesday, August 21st

Observance: St. Pius X, Pope Readings Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16 6:25AM (SVP-E)

6:30PM (STP) +John Aschenbrener

#### Thursday, August 22nd

Observance: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Readings Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14 12:00PM (SVP-W) Mary Ann Duehring (Family)

#### Friday, August 23rd

Observance: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Readings Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40 6:25AM (SVP-E)

#### Saturday Mass, August 24th

Observance: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Readings Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51 4:00PM (SVP-W) The Peter Cychosz Family

#### Sunday Mass, August 25th – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/ Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

7:30AM (SVP-E)
9:00AM (STP)
Claire Dufour and the St. Therese Parish Community
10:30AM (SVP-W)
Special Intention (J. Heinz)

Pray for the

To be included, please call either Parish Office.

Dorothy Ash, Terry Boldin, Peter Carlis, Brandon Choe, Michael Czarnecki, Nancy Dineen, Dean Doberstein, Kylie Doyne, Jan Eno, Kathleen Fugiasco, Family G, Matthew Harrison, Dan Heinz, Josette Jaeger, Mary Kirchner, Helen Klister, Julie Kross, Betty Lovinus, Rachel Lund, Debbie Martin, Kathy Manthe, Loretta Merz, Fr. Norm Oswald, Todd Ratkowski, Celeste Rau, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, Kaity Shields, Edward Smith, Robert Szablewski, Beverly T., Dave Van de Casteele, Lisa Vallone, John Wachowiak, Jean Marie Weber, Chris Wehausen



#### From The Earth Ministry: Annual Monarch Migration Celebration!

Come out to cheer the monarchs as they start their mighty migration to Mexico! Enjoy a guided walk on the Monarch Trail, Irish tunes of Ceol Cairde, live caterpillars, chrysalises and butterflies! "Butterfly Release" planned for 6:00PM. Bring a chair or blanket and a picnic too. Beverages, refreshments and keepsakes available. Face painting and children's activities. Free and open to the public.

When: Saturday, August 24th (Rain date 8-25); 4:00-7:00PM

Where: Echelon Commons, 9810 Echelon Ln., Wauwatosa

Google link: https://goo.gl/maps/k6ep2iyFUqK9MMSa6

**Parking** On Discovery Parkway. Look for the colorful banner flags.

Organized by the Friends of the Monarch Trail:

www.themonarchtrail.org and supported by their sister environmental friends: St. Therese Earth Ministry.



If the Trunk of Treasure Rummage Sale on August 31st from 10:00AM to 2:00PM is NOT enough FUN for your FUNdraising, the awesome St. Therese bakers will also provide treats for the sale. Remember to sign up for your rummage sale space on the St. Therese website. Contact Mary at mrsanger@att.net or Christine at cjensen729@yahoo.com for details.



The loss of a loved one affects everyone differently. Everyone has their grief journey. One thing that can help is to have others alongside you during the journey. The Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry is there for all those in our communities who are grieving.

Seasons of Hope is a monthly informal grief support group with topics of interest and open discussion. Meeting participants where they are at in their grief journey, whether they are grieving a recent loss, or after many months or years. This is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling; offering encouragement, comfort, and help.

Seasons of Hope will typically meet on the first Thursday of the month, from 10:00-11:00AM at St. Therese Parish. Session begins September 5th.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Heather Warner at hwarner@stjudetheapostle.net or (414) 258-8821.



## STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

# Growing in Generosity Rooted in Faith

When our idea of Generosity is Rooted in Faith, we believe that our treasure is a gift from God. And in turn that gift is returned. We further trust that we can be generous with our money and that God will provide beyond that generous gift.

Sow generously and reap generously - 2 Corinthians 9:6 Rich in all things, generous on all occasions - 2 Corinthians 9:11 Trusting God leads to prosperity - Proverbs 30:8-9 \*summaries of verse

Gratitude and Generosity are linked even as they grow. So start with gratitude on a daily, hourly, or overall basis as part of your time with God. Trust that recognizing His gifts will increase your ability to be generous. Selfless giving of time(God), talent (volunteering/discipleship), and treasure(financial) for the Church (people) at St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti Parish has and will continue to enrich your faith life.



• Mark Your Calendars: Classes will begin on Sunday, September 15—Catechetical Sunday!



There will be a school supply drive for the St. Vincent Pallotti School during the month of August. Needed supplies are: Colored Pencils, Crayons (single pack). Markers (single pack, thin or thick), #2 Pencils, Wide ruled notebooks (any color), Composition books (any color), Rulers, Kleenex, Paper Towel, Disinfectant Wipes, Packs of notecards, and Mini pencil sharpeners. Place your donations in the baskets in the church vestibules at St. Vincent Pallotti and in the Bluemound entrance at St. Therese. Supply lists are also available by the baskets. Questions? Call Cathy Healey (414) 412-7940. Thank you for your generosity!

#### St. Jude Novena Masses

St. Jude the Apostle Parish is holding their annual series of Masses for the St. Jude Novena next month. The parish will pray a St. Jude Novena for nine consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on Tuesday, August 27th and ending on Tuesday, October 22nd. The novena will be prayed each Tuesday at 5:15PM, followed by Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the opportunity for Reconciliation will follow Mass. The feast day of St. Jude is October 28th. St. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless causes.

St. Jude the Apostle Parish is located at 734 Glenview Ave., Wauwatosa. Please direct any questions to Katie Kearns, Communications Coordinator at St. Jude's, at (414) 258-8821 or kkearns@stjudetheapostle.net.

#### A Note From St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people. With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

#### Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala

Come out to Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2024 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday September 14th. We raise the funds to protect all human life! The gala will feature keynote speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the

Babylon Bee. Doors open at 5:00PM, cocktail hour with open bar, games, and raffle from 5:30-6:30PM, and 6:30PM dinner program followed by live auction and keynote. Register by Monday August 26th at ProLifeWI.org/gala or call our office at (262) 796-1111.



## Safe Travels Fr. PC

Beginning on <u>Monday, August 19</u>, **Fr. Tom PC** will be traveling to India to spend time with his family. He will be back at the end of <u>September</u>. Please keep him in your prayers.

#### **Altered Bulletin Deadline**

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September 8th bulletin deadline is Tuesday, August 27th at 8:00AM. Thank you for noting this change.

## My Parish Matters: Evangelization Training for Ordinary Catholics

#### September 21 at St. Dominic, Brookfield

Join us and other Catholics from around the Archdiocese for a morning of inspiration, practical training, and prayer. Go to: https://www.archmil.org/GalileeU/ MyParishMatters.htm



# Growing in Generosity Rooted in Faith

#### From Visitor to Parishioner

Our parish patron saints, St. Therese and St. Vincent Pallotti both encouraged believers to participate in their Catholic communities. St. Therese's example became known as the "little way." St. Vincent believed that Catholics should be more than simply observers. Rather, they should be considered as modern day apostles, who participate in the activities of the church. If you are someone who attends Mass just to fulfill an obligation but prefers to remain anonymous, we challenge you to explore the many benefits membership in a parish can provide. If you are new to the area and looking for a parish to join, we would be happy to welcome you.

As a parish member, there are opportunities to grow both spiritually and socially. Membership provides the opportunity to belong unselfishly, to something bigger than yourself and to increase your level of commitment to serving our Lord. It can serve as a comforting anchor when your life becomes turbulent. It provides an opportunity for fellowship with other like minded people. From a practical point of view, being registered as a parish member facilitates better communication. There is more two way communication going on than just what is printed in the bulletin. As an active parish member, Father PC and our parish staff are in a better position to respond to your spiritual needs. Membership also provides the easiest access to the Sacraments. Whether it is Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage, programs are in place to prepare parish members. The Eucharist, Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick are readily available to parish members.

Over the next three weekends, we will be conducting a new member registration drive. If you have been thinking about joining but are not yet a parish member, please visit the welcome table in the back of church and speak to one of our friendly parish representatives.

